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This book is a talking tour of American English. Short easy-to-read essays explicate the key features that make American speech so expressive and distinct. The tour begins in the South, home of the most easily recognized of American dialects, travels north the New England, then west to the Midwest, and on to the far west and Alaska and Hawaii. In addition to geographic divisions, there are also chapters titled "American Ethnic," "In The Movies," and "Dialects 2100." Detailed subject and word indexes are also provided. (KFT)

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